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SUBJECT: WEST COAST POLLUTION

1. GOVERNMENT TABLED IN PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 5 CANADIAN NOTE
RE WEST COAST POLLUTION.

2. ON APRIL 8, OTTAWA CITIZEN PRINTED FOLLOWING EDITORIAL
ENTITLED "KEEP IT CLEAN":

"A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS MADE BY OTTAWA IN ITS
LASTEST NOTE TO WASHINGTON ON OIL TRAFFIC TO CHERRY
POINT, WASHINGTON, HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE.
BUT THE CENTRAL PROPOSAL -- THAT ALASKA OIL SHOULDN'T
GO THROUGH JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT AT ALL -- REMAINS IN
DOUBT.

"JOINT ACTION TO CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS AND TO
COMEPNSATE SHORE INTERESTS FOR OIL SPILL DAMAGE
CAME CLOSER LAST YEAR WHEN THE US CONGRESS
ORDERED SHIPPING COMPANIES TO SET UP A
\$100 MILLION INSURANCE FUND. WHETHER OR NOT
ALASKA OIL IS MOVED THROUGH THE STRAIT, THIS
PLUS OTHER ACTION, SUCH AS SPECIAL NAVIGATION
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AIDS, WILL BE NEEDED, FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF

OFFSHORE OIL ARE ALREADY BROUGHT TO CHERRY POINT.

"UNFORTUNATELY, CHERRY POINT IS ONE OF THE FEW DEEPWATER PORTS ON THE US PACIFIC COAST. CANADA PROPOSES THAT OFFSHORE TERMINALS FARTHER DOWN THE COAST BE USED TO UNLOAD ALASKA OIL. THAT WOULD REMOVE ENTIRELY THE RISK TO CANADIAN SHORES POSED BY THE LARGE MOVEMENT OF ALASKA OIL THROUGH NARROW JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT.

"PRESIDENT NIXON HIMSELF HAS PROPOSED SUCH A SOLUTION TO OVERCOME LACK OF DEEPWATER PORTS. HE HAS SUGGESTED TERMINALS ABOUT SEVEN MILES OFFSHORE. ALTHOUGH HE HAS CONFINED HIS PROPOSALS TO THE ATLANTIC COAST, THEY ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO THE PACIFIC."
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